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**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND POWER TO INSPECT**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

that I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if two or more inventors are named below) of the invention entitled: **METHODS AND REAGENTS FOR THE RAPID AND EFFICIENT DETECTION OF CIRCULATING CANCER CELLS**

specification of which [check one(s) applicable]

- was filed February 19, 2002 as U.S. Application No. 10/079,939
- and was amended by Amendment filed \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable); [or];
- is attached to this Declaration, Power of Attorney and Power to Inspect;

that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; and

that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Rule [37CFR§1.56(a)].

**I UNDER 35 USC §120:** I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §120 of the prior United States application(s) listed below:

<u>Prior U.S. Application(s)</u>	<u>Filing Date</u> <u>Day/Mo/Year</u>	<u>Status</u>
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In as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner required by the first paragraph of 35 USC §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Rule 56(a) [37 CFR 1.56(a)] which occurred between the filing date of the prior U.S. application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** As inventor, I hereby appoint **DANN, DORFMAN, HERRELL AND SKILLMAN, P.C.** of Philadelphia, and the following individual(s) as my attorneys or agents with full power of substitution to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: **Kathleen D. Rigaut, Ph.D., Reg. No. 43,047, Patrick J. Hagan, Reg. No. 7,643, Maria M. Kourtakis, Reg. No. 41,126.**

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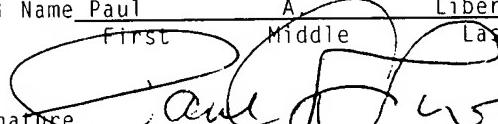
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